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SUBJECT: CCMS GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PILOT STUDY: SMALL POWER

PLANT CONFERENCE

REF: LISBON 970

1.AVERAGE COST OF 30 DAY GRANT FOR TRAVEL MAY/JUNE IS \$2635 PER PERSON. IT IS POSSIBLE BY ELIMINATING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE, BOOKS/EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ALLOWANCE (TOTAL: \$196) AND LIMITING AIR TRAVEL TO LISBON-WASHINGTON-SAN FRANCISCO-WASHINGTON-LISBON; (\$720 22/45 DAY EXCURSION RATE) AND CUTTING PER DIEM TO \$35 PER DAY FOR 30 DAYS TO LOWER COST OF INDIVIDUAL GRANT TO \$1699. THEREFORE, 3 PORTUGUESE GRANTEES COULD BE ACCOMODATED FOR THE COST OF 2. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WOULD LEAVE NO FUNDS FOR EXTRA TRAVEL, CAR RENTALS, ETC. ALTHOUGH PER DIEM COSTS WOULD BE LOWERED BY SHORTENING STAY IN THE US, RESULT-
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ING RISE IN AIR FARE COSTS WOULD PROBABLY OFFSET ANY

SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY CURTAILING STAY.

2. IN VIEW EMBASSY IVP FUNDING SITUATION AS WELL AS LACK OF OTHER IV CANDIDATES ON HORIZON, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY CONSIDER MAKING 3 FULL 30-DAY GRANTS AT \$2635 RATE TO ENABLE PORTUGUESE TO ATTEND CONFERENCES AS WELL AS VISIT OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST DURING STAY IN US. (EMBASSY SHOULD

NOTE THAT IF ALL IV FUNDS ARE NOT ALLOCATED BY APRIL 15, 1975, DEPARTMENT MUST REALLOCATE REMAINING FUNDS TO OTHER COUNTRY PROGRAMS.)

3. VPS/MHI PREPARED BEGIN FULL 30-DAY IV PROGRAM FOR THREE PORTUGUESE SCIENTISTS, MONDAY, MAY 12, 1975.

4. WOULD GRANTEES NEED ESCORT/INTERPRETERS? KISSINGER

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